



Three days ago, Howie and I became a couple.

And here he comes, as per his new routine.

The first thing he'll do when he comes back from work is run up to me...



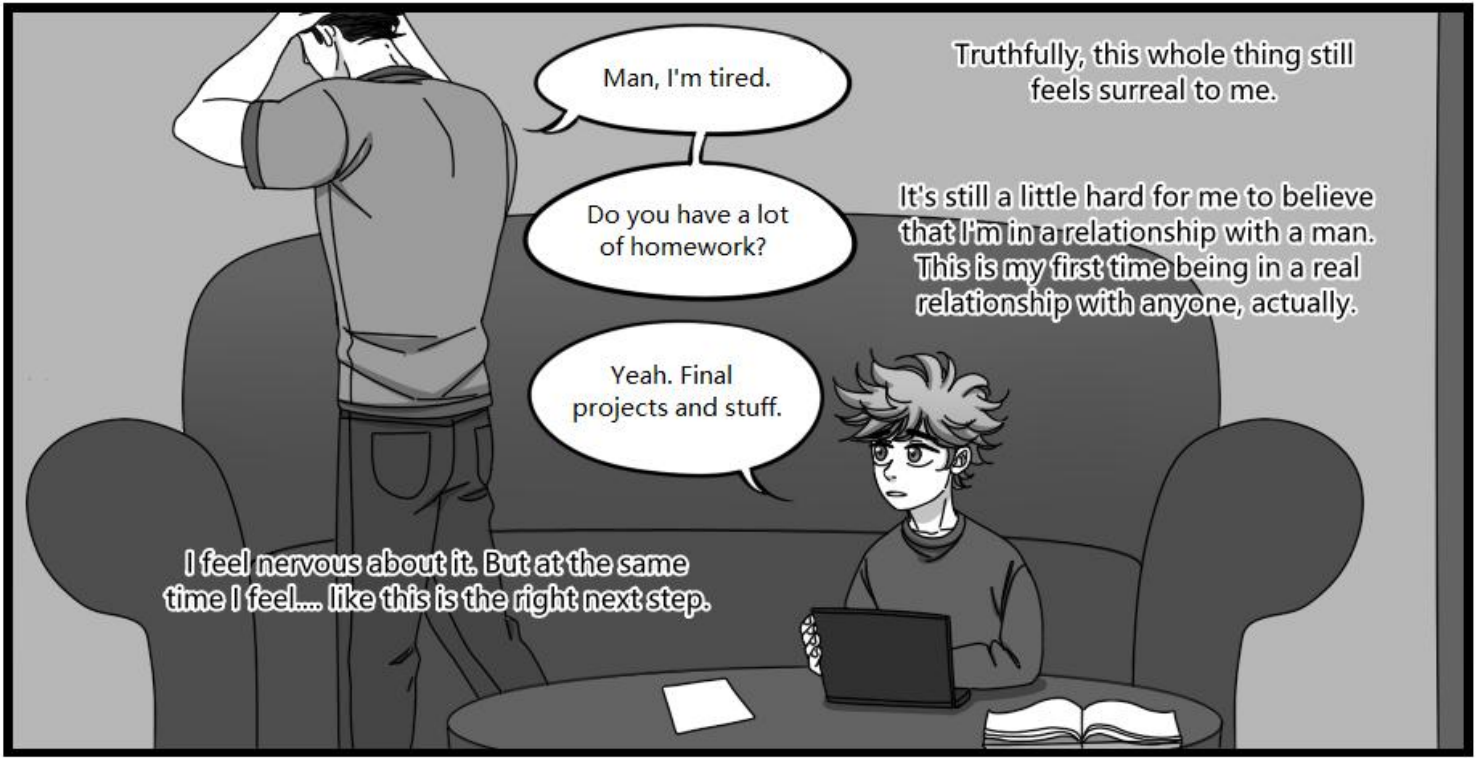
...and kiss me hello.



H-how was work?

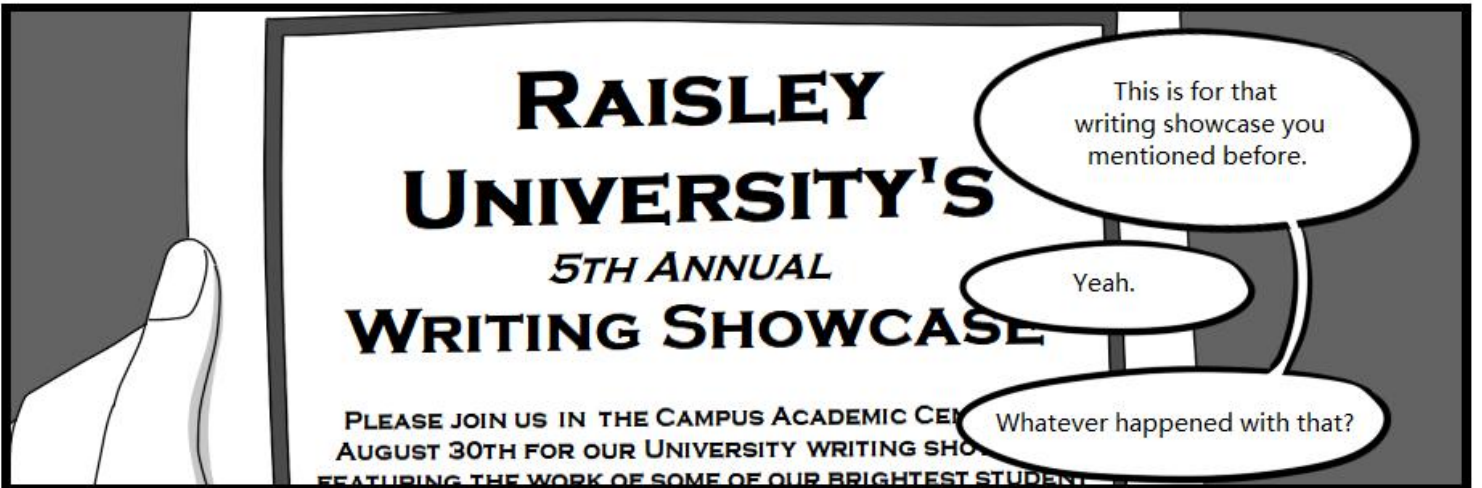
It was okay. How was class?

Good.





This flyer...



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This is for that writing showcase you mentioned before.

Yeah.

Whatever happened with that?



I ended up signing up...

You did?! That's awesome! You kept saying that you weren't gonna do it.



Oh.



Yeah, well, my professor convinced me... I kind of regret it though. I have so much work to do these next few weeks and the showcase just adds to it.

I know. You're almost done, though.

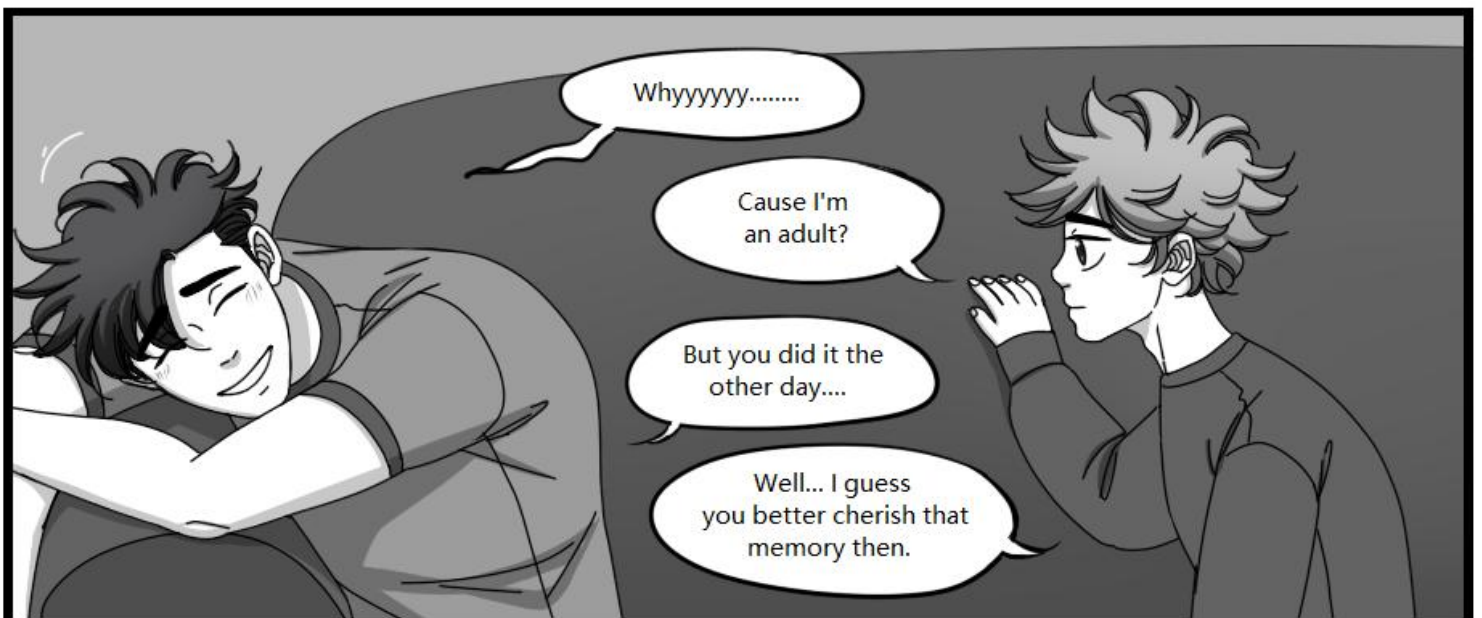
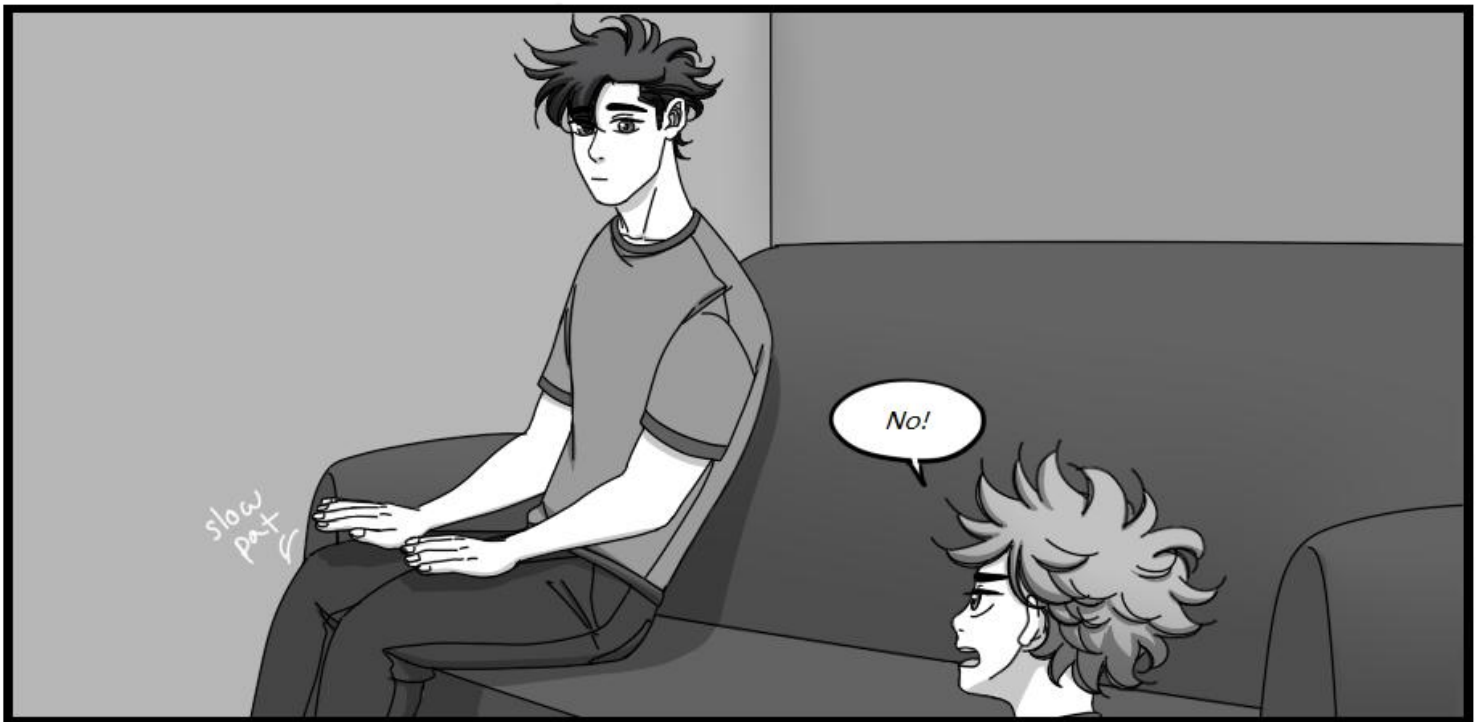


I know... I'm just so tired at this point.

Just thinking about all the work I need to do is making me tired.

I think I need to take a break.





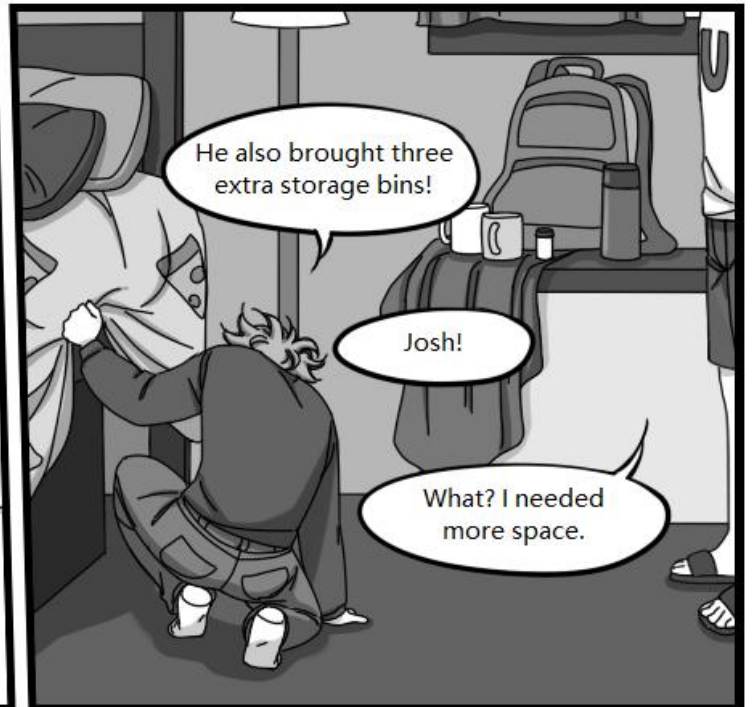


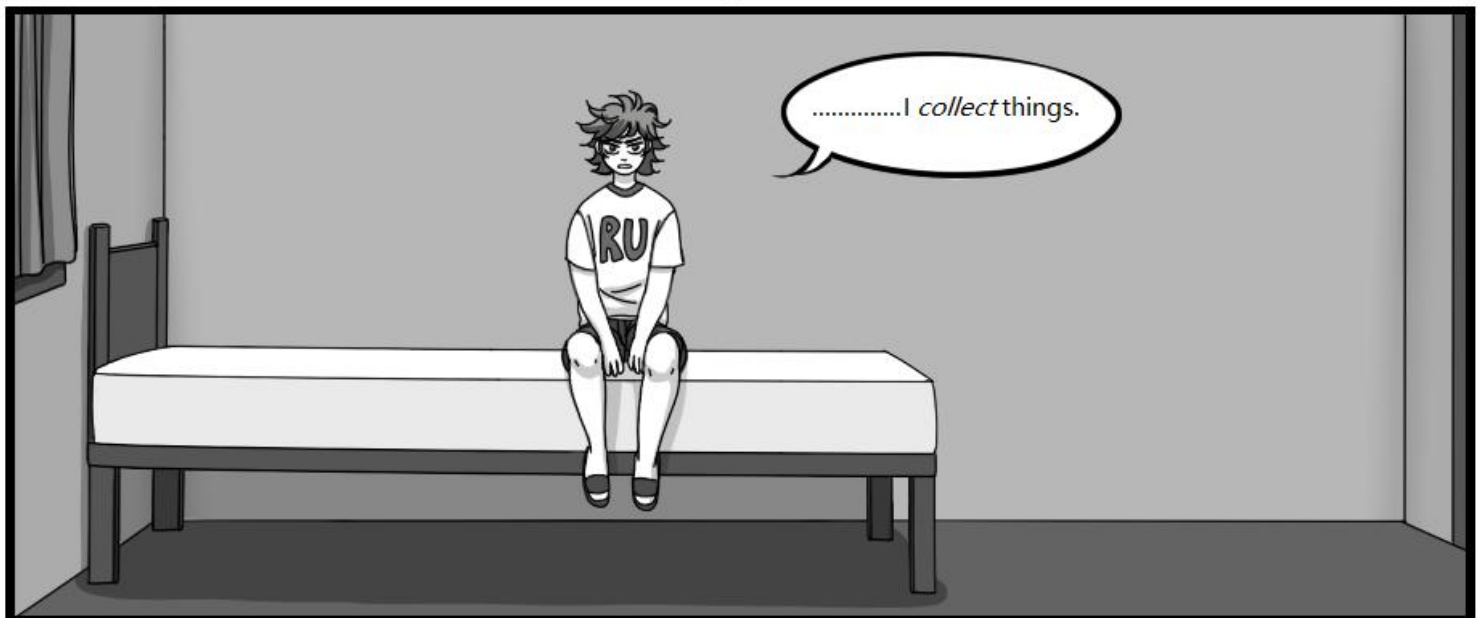














So when are you moving in again?

Today!



Well yeah, that was the plan. But I thought i'd be fun to move in a little earlier so that we could spend the end of the summer together.

Really?!

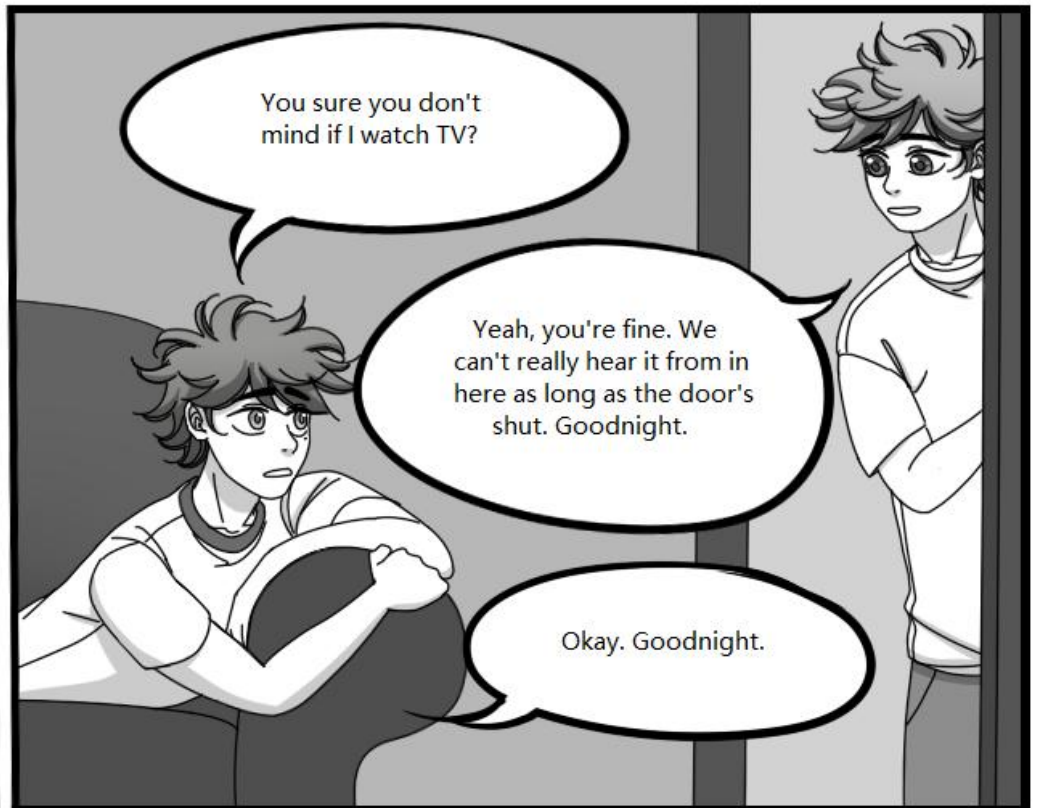
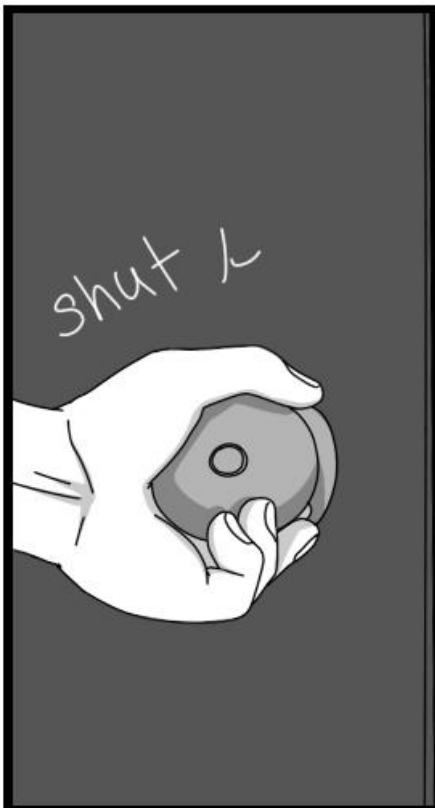


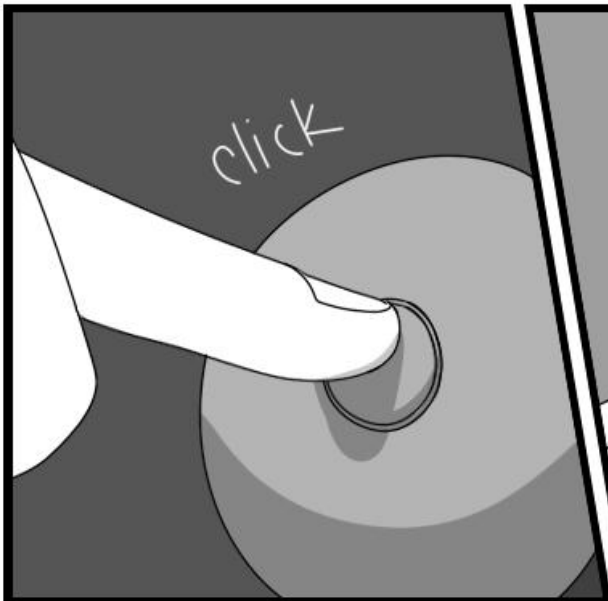
....Today? I thought you said you were moving in closer to Labor Day weekend....

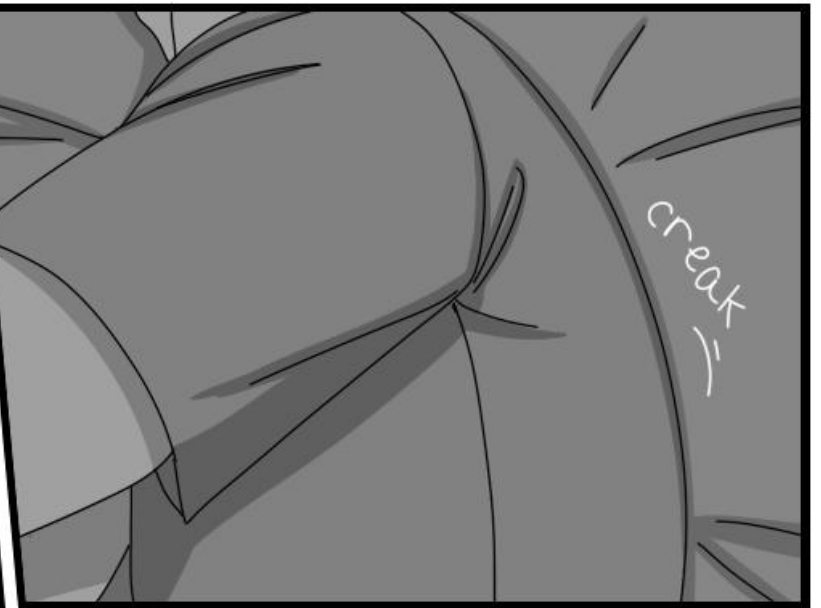


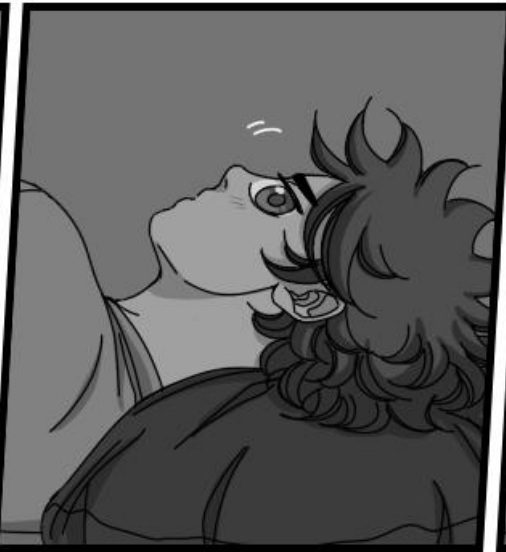
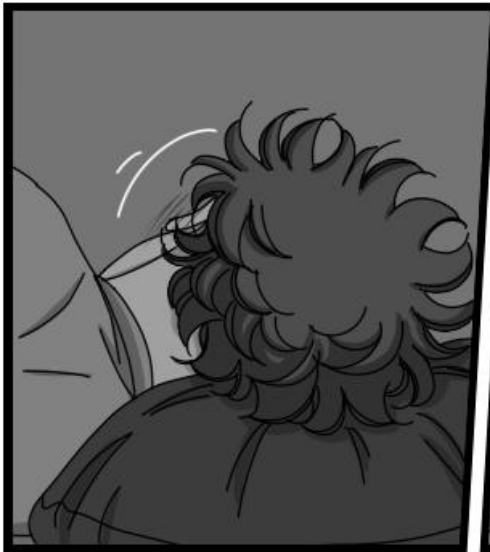
Yeah!

We're finally housemates!

















You just getting back from work?

Yeah. Where are you going?

To visit Ben.

In this weather? He's not worth it.

Ha! I'll be sure to tell him that you're missing him.



Well... yeah. Ben is close enough. And I'm not doing anything.

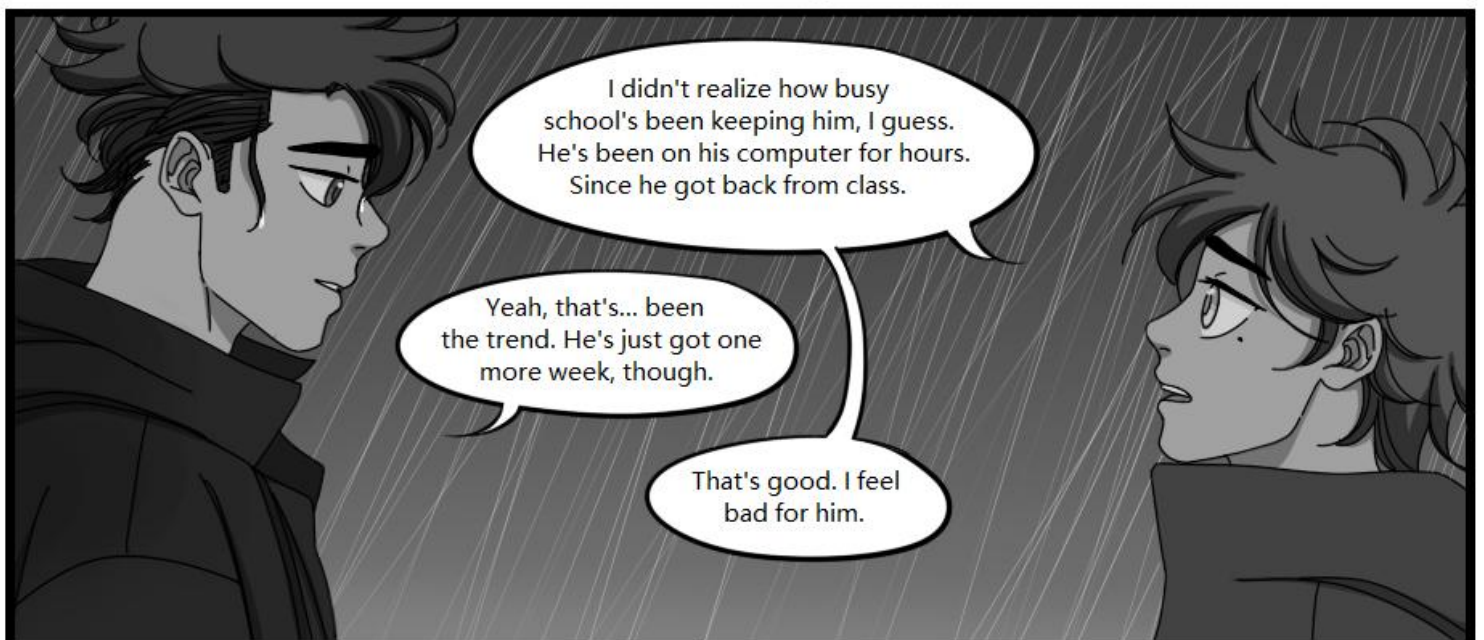
Sooch is studying so I can't watch TV.

Oh, if you ask I'm sure he wouldn't mind moving for you.

Nah, it's fine. I don't wanna bug him.



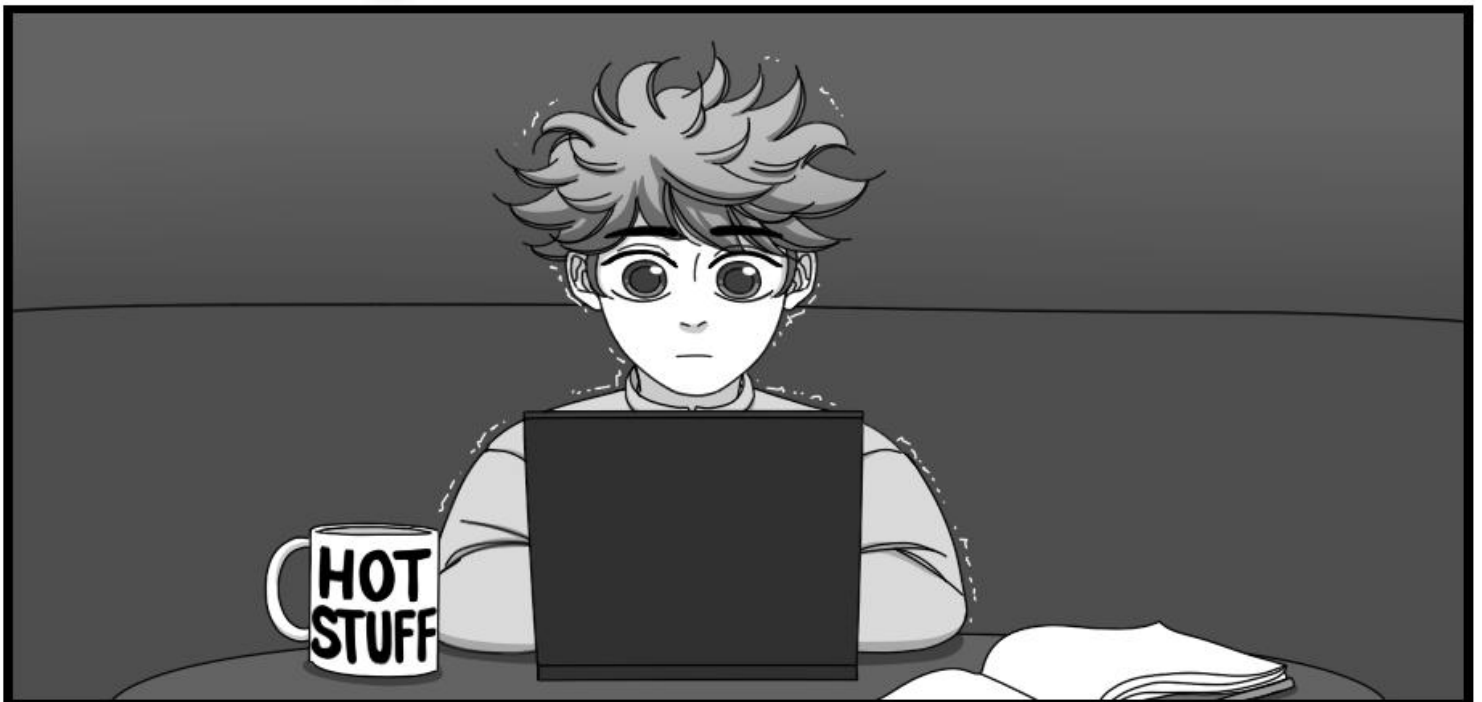
Seriously though, this rain is brutal. You're really going out?

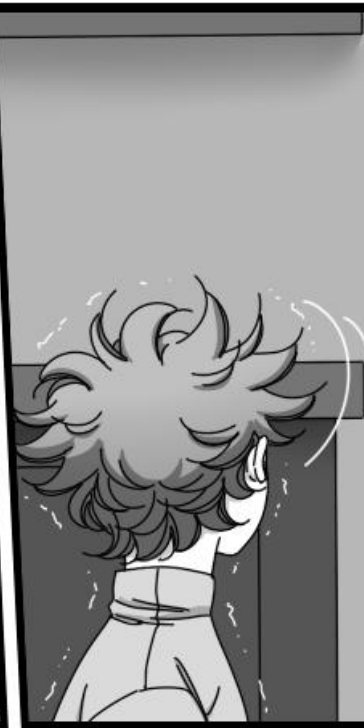


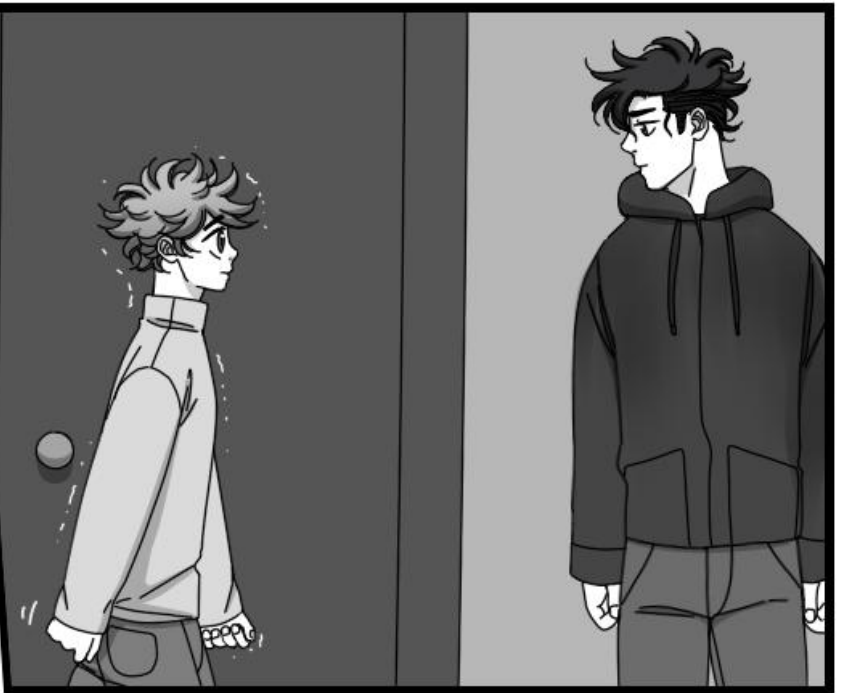
I didn't realize how busy school's been keeping him, I guess. He's been on his computer for hours. Since he got back from class.

Yeah, that's... been the trend. He's just got one more week, though.

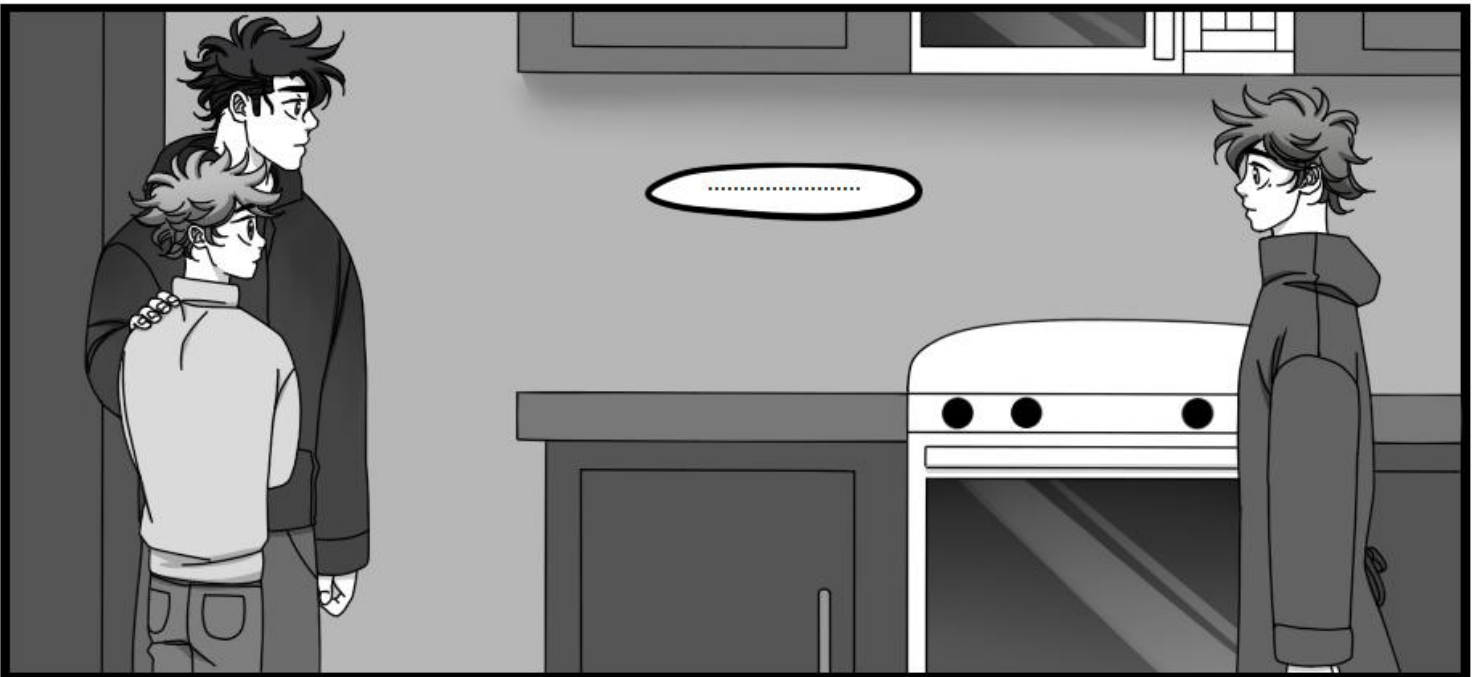
That's good. I feel bad for him.



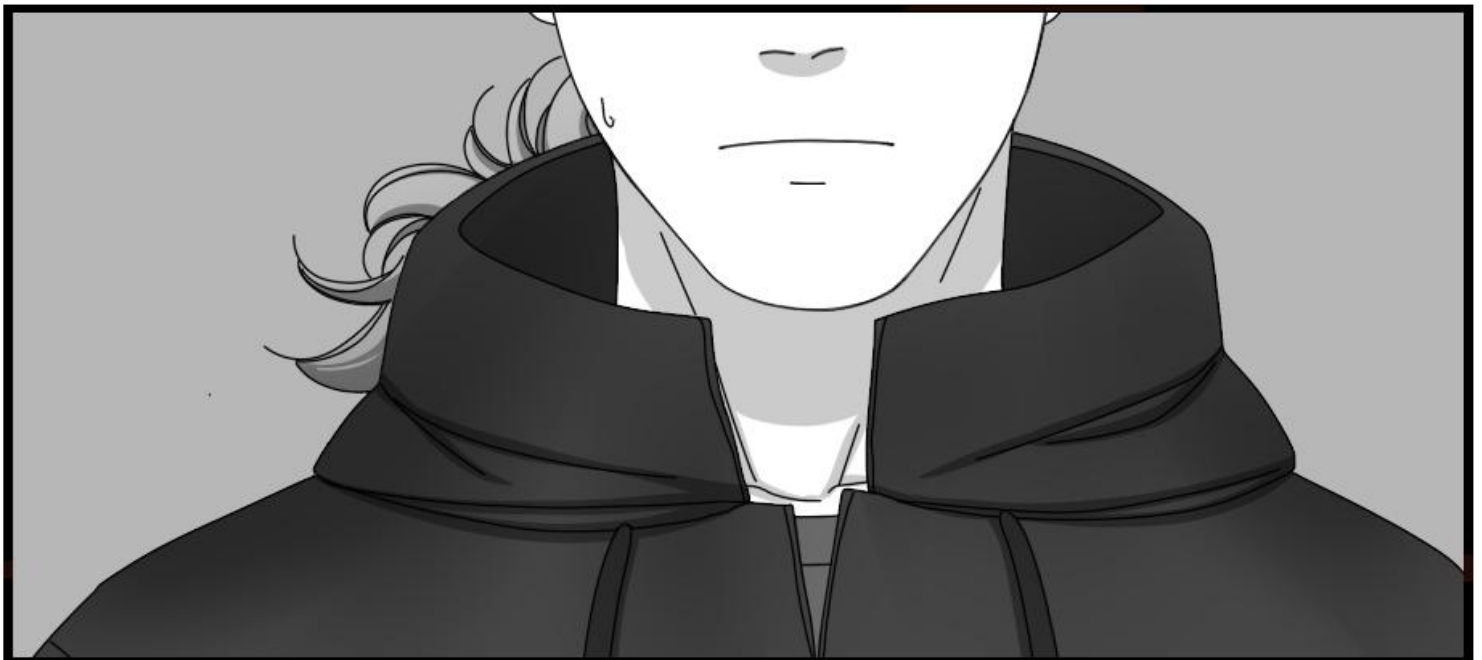




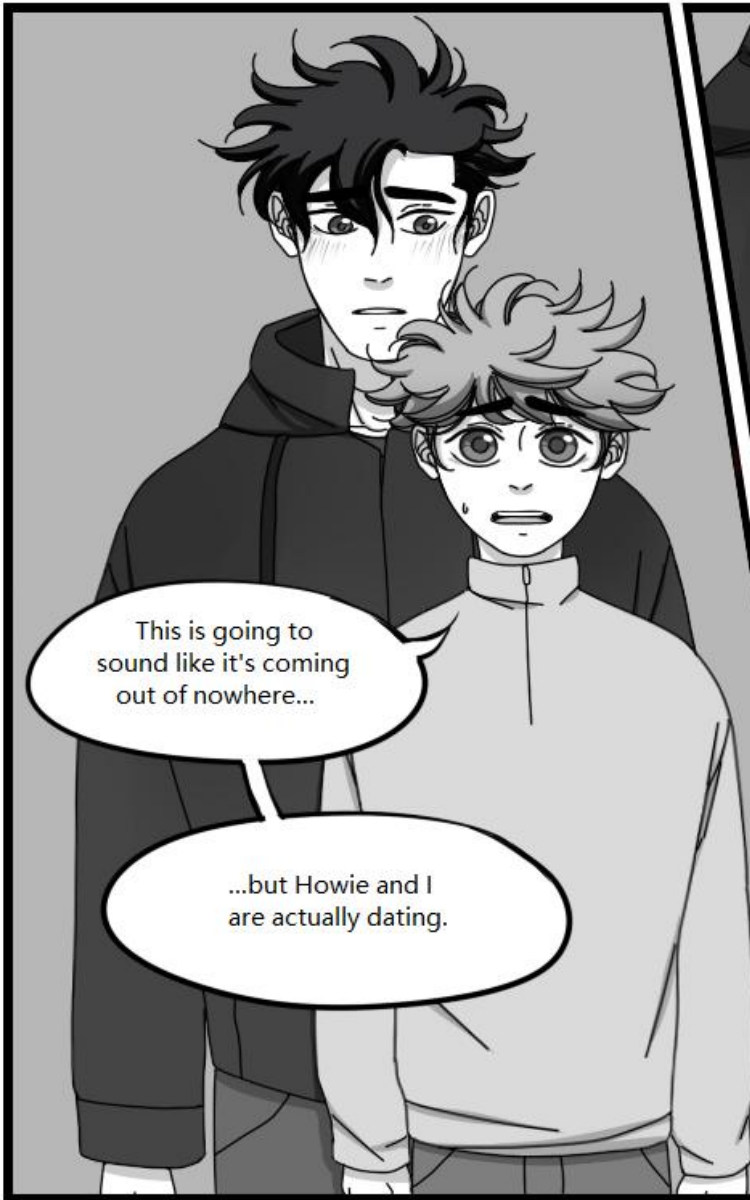


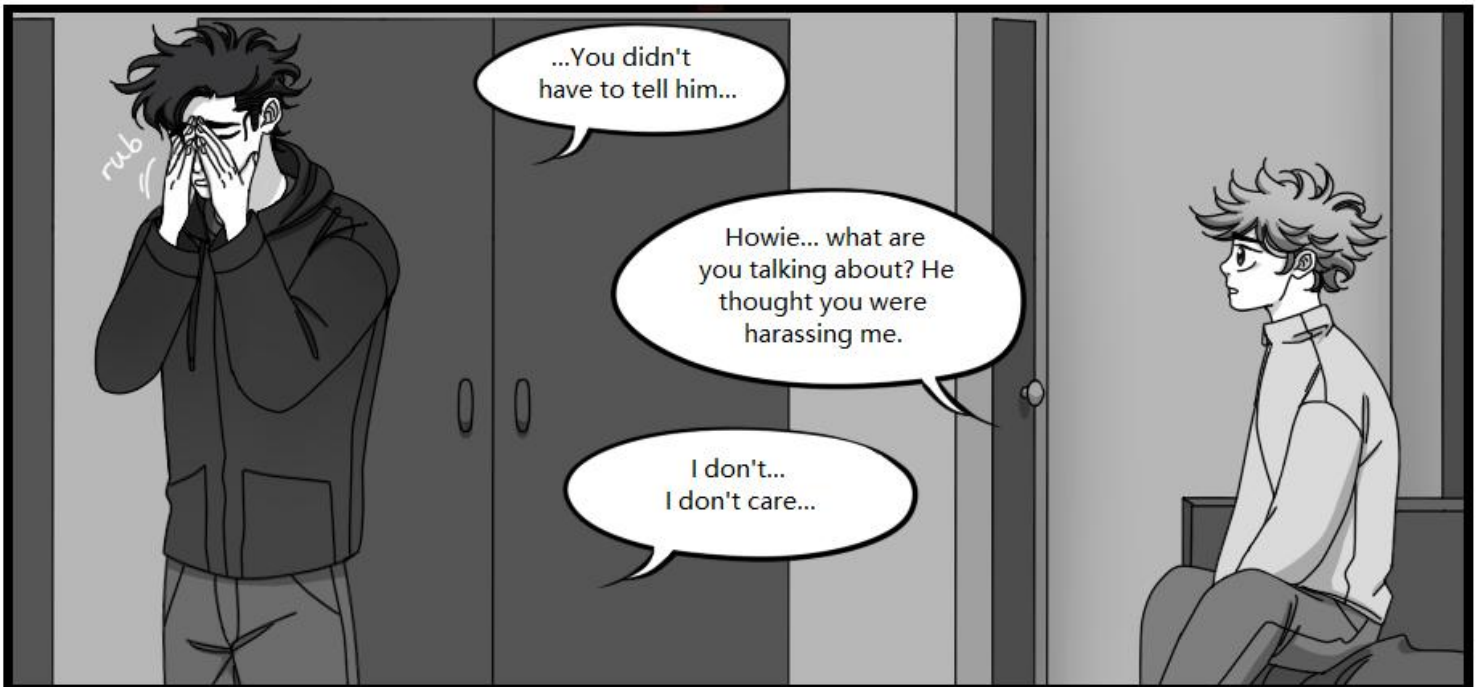


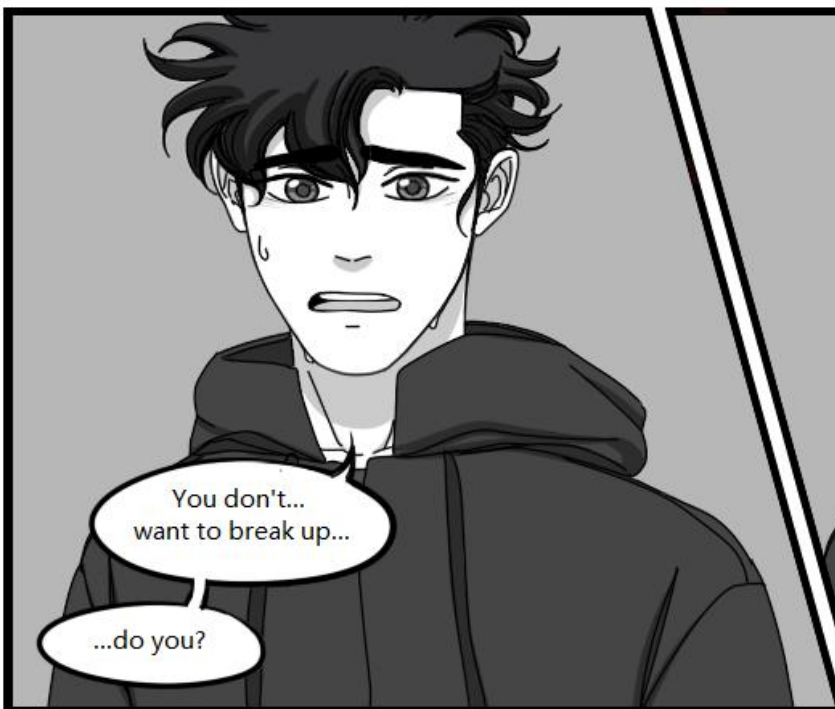




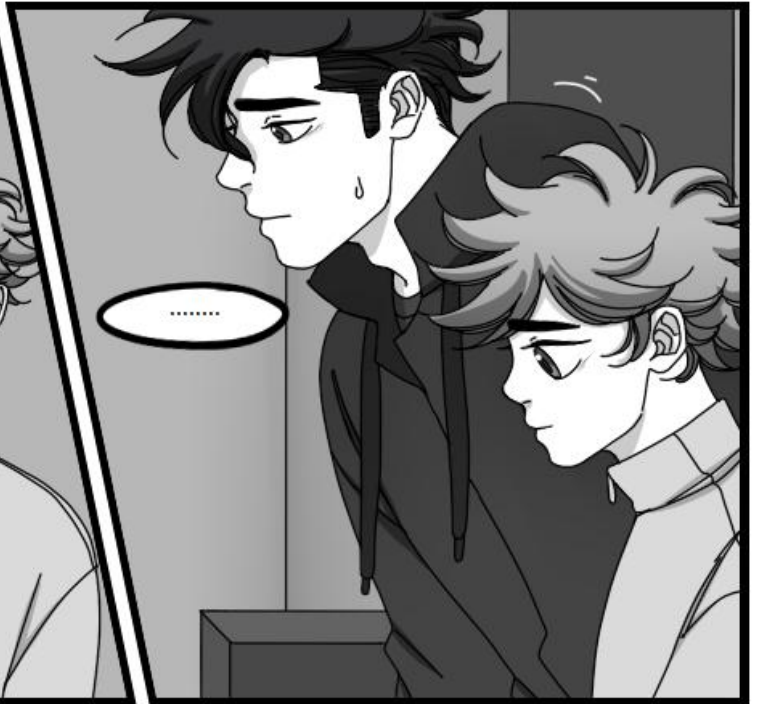








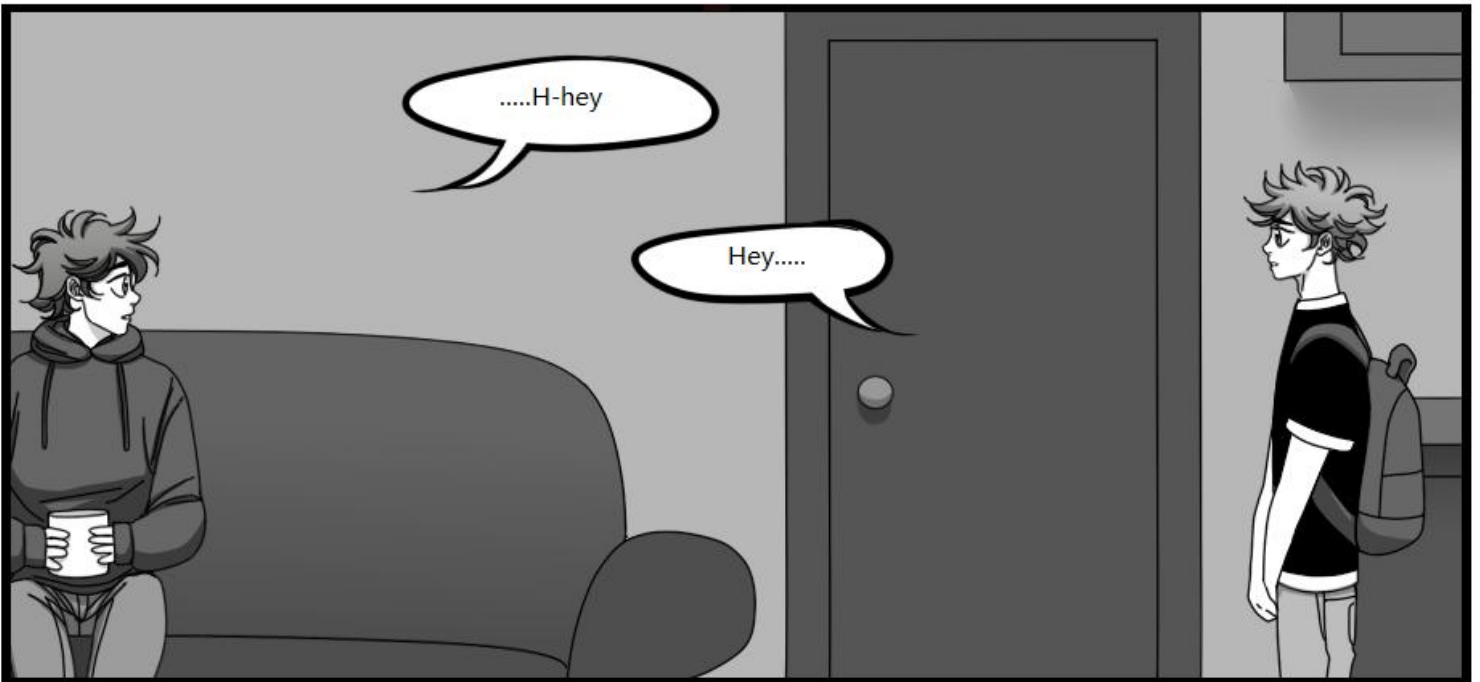


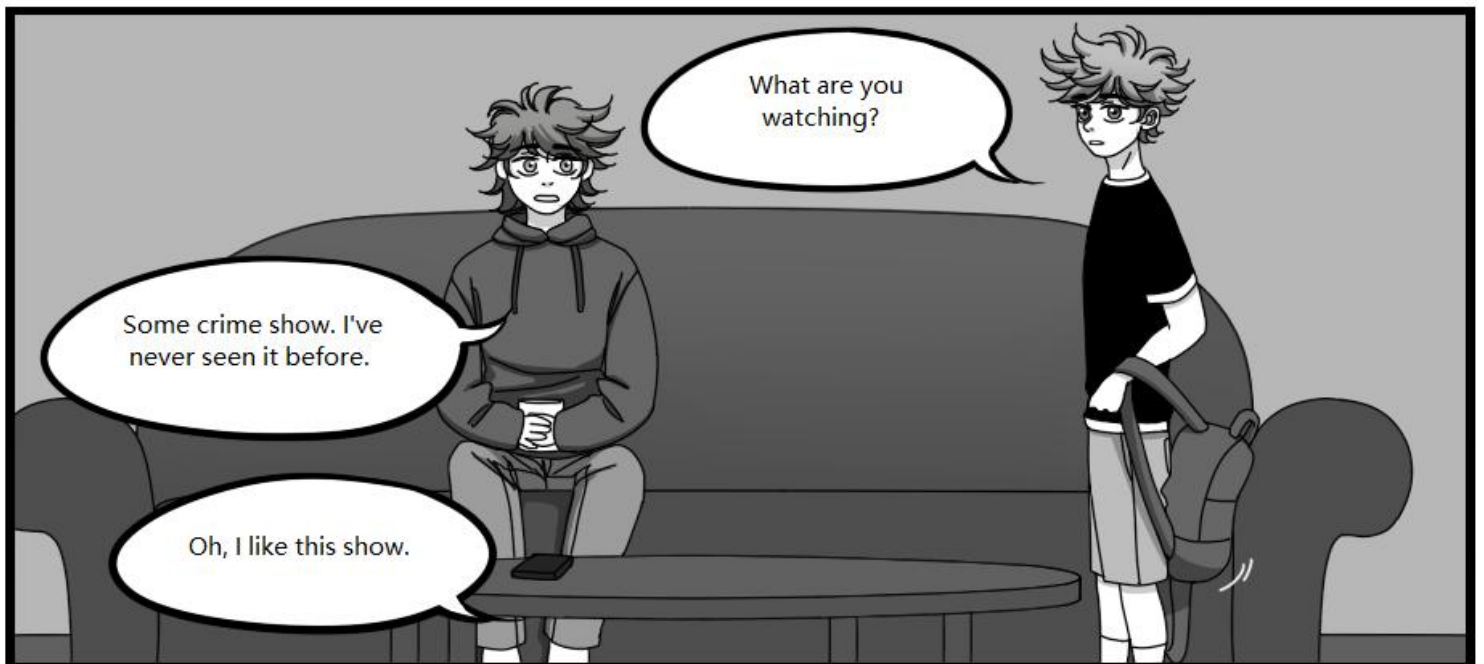


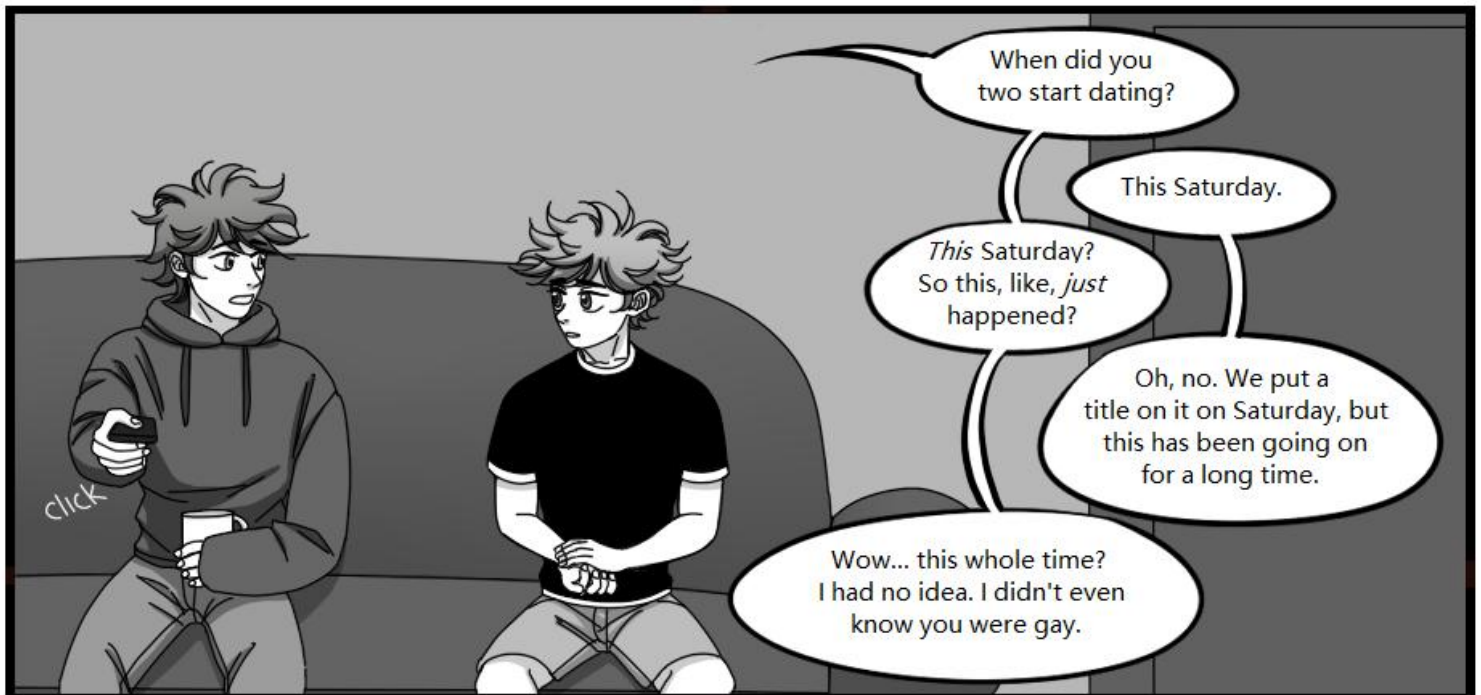


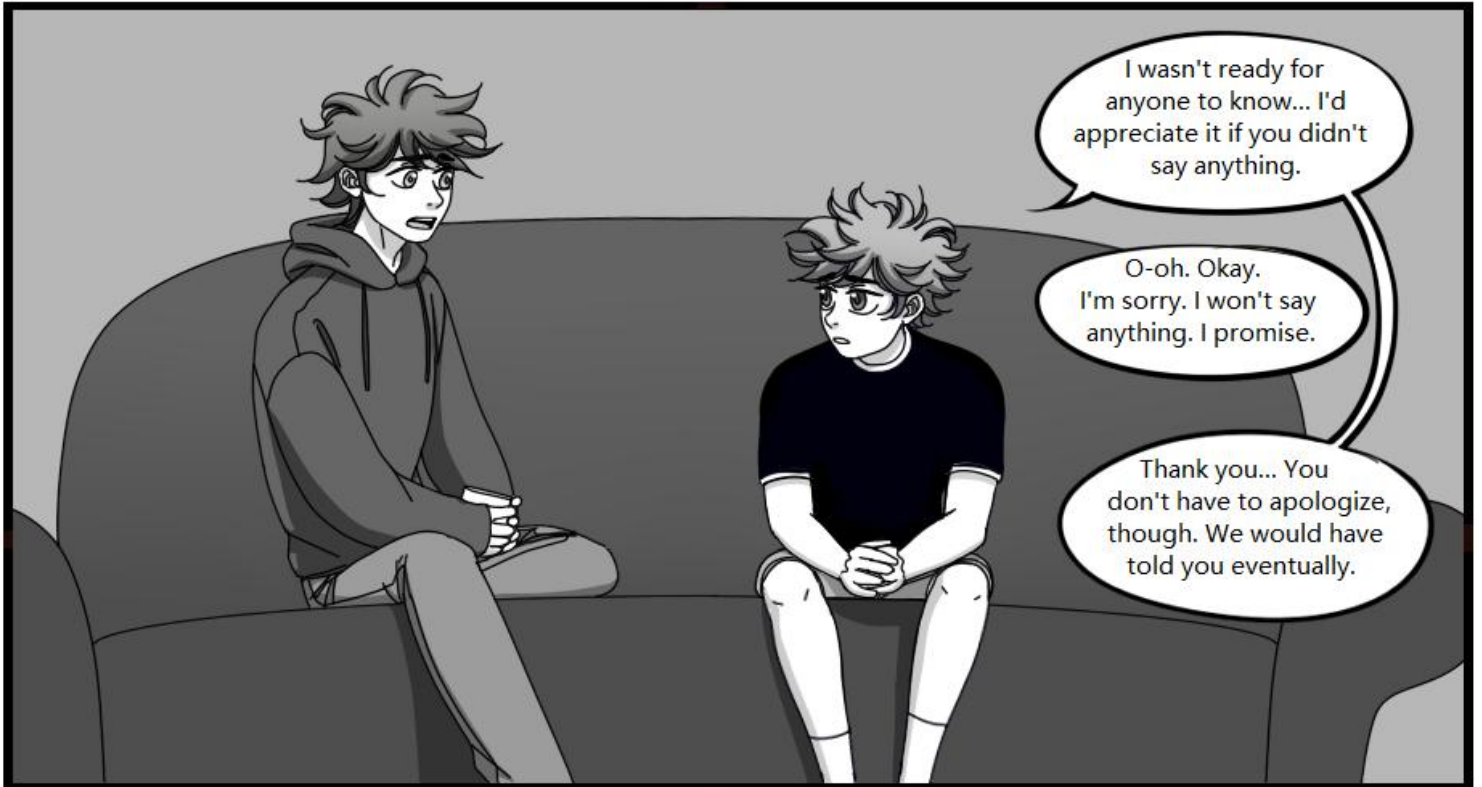
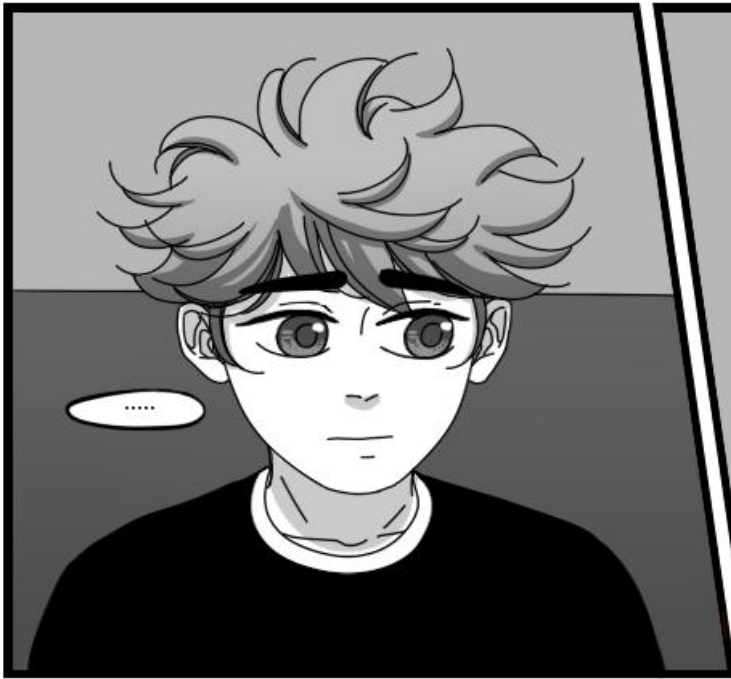






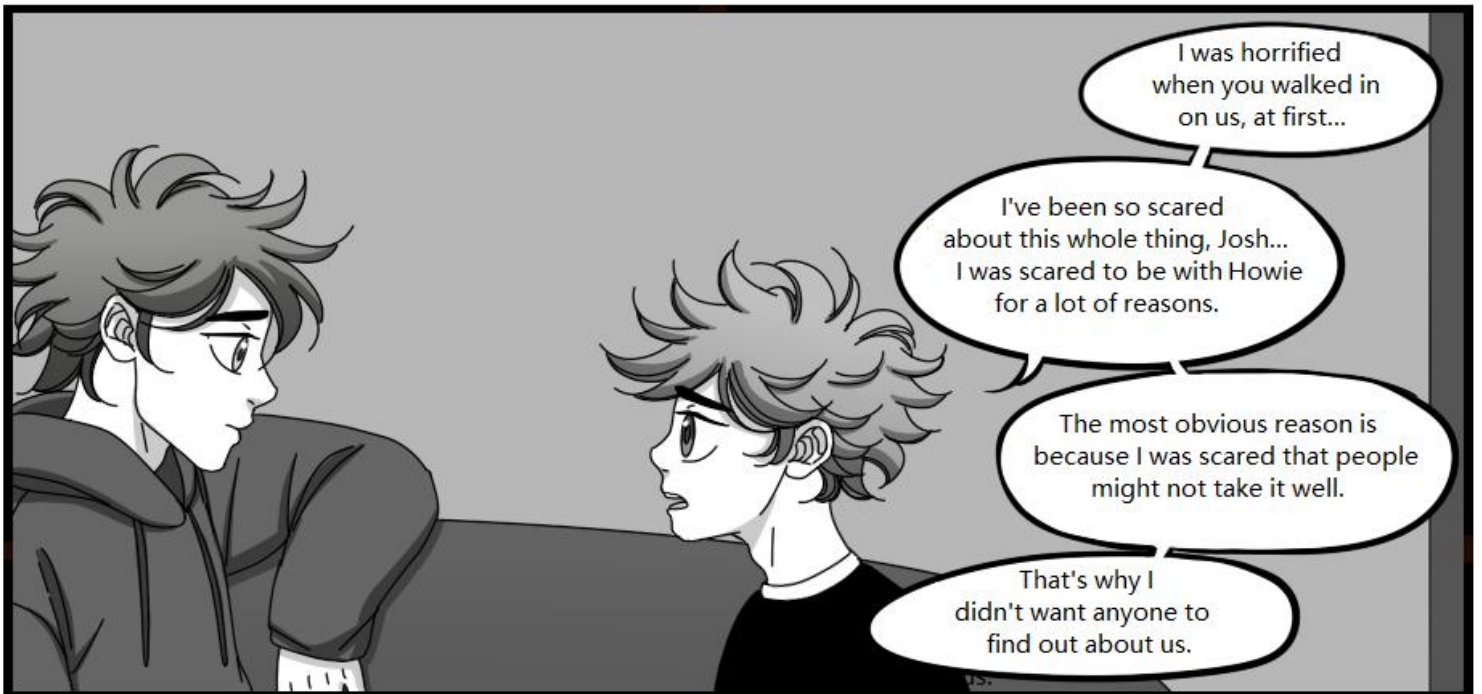




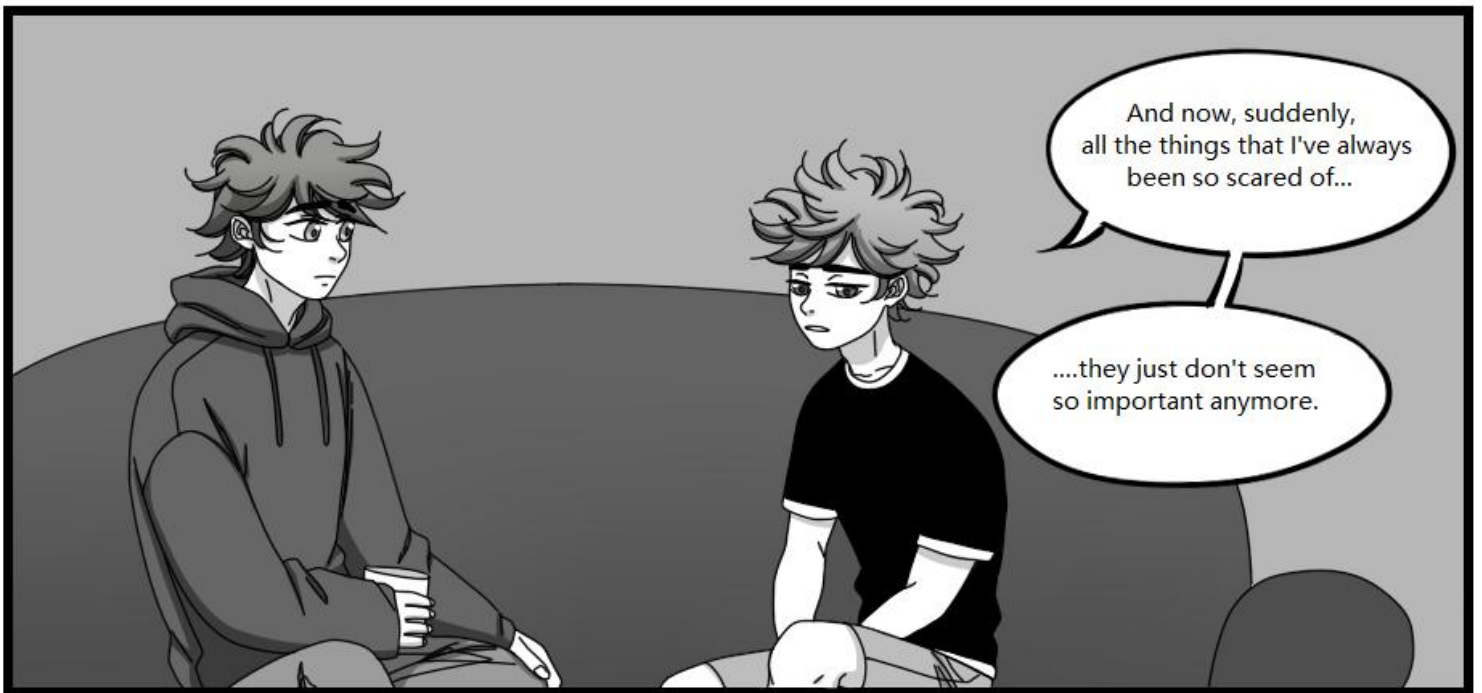




Not at all.







And now, suddenly,
all the things that I've always
been so scared of...

....they just don't seem
so important anymore.



Sooch... don't
say that.

I'm sure that Howie knows
he can rely on you.



.....Is it bad that
you feel this way?

No. But I hate
myself a little.



He feels like he's
walking on eggshells
around me....

And I never
even noticed.



No, Josh! He totally
freaked out last night!

He thought I was going
to break up with him when
you found out about us!

He thinks I'll leave him the
second anything goes wrong.





I have to be better...



I have to become braver.

And more forthcoming.

And I have to do better in school,
so that I can get a good job.



Hey...



So that I can take care of you...







